

June 23, 2006

All Interested Agencies, Organizations, and Persons

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
SINKYONE WILDERNESS STATE PARK PRELIMINARY GENERAL PLAN/
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

A Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been prepared by the California Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) for the Sinkyone Wilderness State Park Preliminary General Plan (General Plan). The Department is the lead agency, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), responsible for preparation of this document.

Project Location:

Sinkyone Wilderness State Park (Park) is located on the north coast of California in the northwest corner of Mendocino County and the southwest corner of Humboldt County. The Park extends for approximately 19 miles of coastline.

Project Description:

The project consists of the proposed approval of a General Plan for Sinkyone Wilderness State Park. The General Plan will guide future management direction at the Park over an approximate 20-year planning horizon. Upon approval of the Plan, large portions of the Park (approximately 7,100 acres) will be designated as state wilderness.

The General Plan contains comprehensive and integrated sets of park-wide and management area-specific goals and guidelines for the long-term management of the Park. The goals and guidelines focus on the protection of sensitive resources, improvements to administration and operation of the Park, and balancing of visitor needs with the unique wilderness character of the Park. Two Park management areas are identified in the plan (Wilderness and Non-wilderness areas), encompassing the entire Park and providing detailed direction tailored to the particular environmental resource characteristics of each area. These two areas provide high-quality park experiences for visitors while enhancing and preserving features that make the Park a unique destination. A number of improvements are identified in the General Plan's goals and guidelines.

Summary of Impacts:

The EIR provides a program-level analysis of the potential environmental impacts associated with implementation of the General Plan. No significant environmental impacts would occur as a result of the proposed project.

Public Comment Period:

The 45-day public comment period for the Draft EIR will begin on June 23, 2006 and end on August 7, 2006 (comment letters must be postmarked by August 7, 2006). An

electronic copy of the Preliminary General Plan and Draft EIR will be posted on the Department's website at:

http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=22578

Please submit comments in writing to the following address:

California State Parks
Northern Service Center
Atten: Dave Keck
One Capitol Mall, Suite 500
Sacramento, CA 95814

For park information, please contact: Liz Burko, Eel River Sector Superintendent
707-445-6547 Ext. 12

Copies of the Preliminary General Plan and Draft EIR will be available at the following locations:

Needle Rock Visitor Center
Sinkyone Wilderness State Park
Briceland Road
Whitethorn, CA 95589

Standish-Hickey State Recreation Area
Information Kiosk
69350 U.S. Highway 101, Box #2
Leggett, CA 95455

Richardson Grove Interpretive Assoc.
Ranger Office
1600 U.S. Highway 101 #8
Garberville, CA 95542

Humboldt Redwoods Interpretive Assoc.
Visitor Center
17121 Avenue of the Giants
Weott, CA 95571

Main Branch
Humboldt County Library
1313 3rd Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Fortuna Branch
Humboldt County Library
775 14th Street
Fortuna, CA 95540

Rio Dell Branch
Humboldt County Library
715 Wildwood Avenue
Rio Dell, CA 95562

Garberville Branch
Humboldt County Library
715 Cedar Street
Garberville, CA 95542

Ukiah Branch
Mendocino County Library
105 N Main Street
Ukiah, CA 95482

Fort Bragg Branch
Mendocino County Library
499 Laurel Street
Fort Bragg, CA 95432

California State Parks
North Coast Redwoods District Office
3431 Fort Avenue
Eureka, CA 95503

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One Capitol Mall, Suite 500
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67674 Drive-Thru Tree Road
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